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tion and metabolism, which is followed by four chapters on breast feeding. Artificial feeding follows, with much important analysis and examination for the testing of milk, also the general principles for artificial feeding. Diseases of digestion follow and finally diseases of nutrition, rickets and infantile scurvy.

THE OPERATING ROOM. By Amy Armour Smith, R.N., formerly superintendent of New Rochelle Hospital, New York; Superintendent of Nurses at the S. R. Smith Infirmary, Staten Island, and at the Woman's Hospital of the State of New York. 12mo of 295 pages with 57 illustrations. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia and London. 1916. Price \$1.50.

Sometimes when one sees the books written for the instruction or edification of nurses, which seem to follow one another in rapid succession, she wonders what is supposed to be taught them while in training, if so much is necessary afterward. Of course we must not forget that many students fail to absorb, and many frequently forget much which has been taught them, and therefore there is the need of constant help and reminders. In spite of the fact that in the foreword of this book the author gives expression to her appreciation of the assistance rendered by others, one cannot but believe that personal experience and knowledge have been necessary, in order to produce a book so full of practical points. "Common sense," one frequently feels like exclaiming, for it is full of valuable information, some of which has already been published. One questions if its possible readers are given due credit for intelligence, as the constant use of italics and quotation marks emphasize points which it would seem could have been left to their intuition. An unusual use of capitals is also noticed, and what may be termed "hospital slang" does not tend to improve pages intended for students. A little surprise is felt at some of the references to surgeons, for one likes to think of the present day practitioner as being above the use of profane or even impatient language and the throwing of instruments on the floor is surely a thing of the past. Mention is made that in many states operating room experience is not demanded as a legal requirement. It would seem that this would be included under the head of surgical nursing.

Too much space would be required if an attempt were made to refer to all the admirable features of this book, but certainly the short presentation of the desirability of a nurse's presence at genito-urinary operations is very good, and also the description of the preparation of an operating room in a private house. Notwithstanding its faults,

it is an excellent book for all nurses and one wishes that those who most need such help were not usually the ones who seem never to profit from it.

The following books have been received for review: **FIRST AID IN EMERGENCIES.** By Eldridge L. Eliason, A.B., M.D., J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia. Price, \$1.50. **SIMPLIFIED INFANT FEEDING.** By Roger H. Dennett, B.S., M.D., J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia. Price, \$3.00. **BACTERIOLOGY AND SURGICAL TECHNIC.** By Emily A. M. Stoney. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia. Price, \$1.75. **OUTLINES OF NURSING HISTORY.** By Minnie Goodnow. W. B. Saunders, Philadelphia. Price, \$2.00. **PRACTICAL POINTS IN NURSING.** New (5th) Edition. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia. Price, \$1.75. **OUTLINES OF PHYSIOLOGY.** By Edward Groves Jones, A.B., M.D., and Allen H. Bunce, A.B., M.D. P. Blakiston's Son and Company, Philadelphia. Price, \$1.50. **APPLIED BACTERIOLOGY FOR NURSES.** By Charles F. Bolduan, M.D., and Marie Grund, M.D. W. B. Saunders and Company, Philadelphia. Price, \$1.50. **BACTERIOLOGY AND PATHOLOGY FOR NURSES.** By Jay G. Roberts, M.D., W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia. Price, \$1.25. **EMBOLISM AND THROMBOSIS OF THE MESENTERIC VESSELS.** By Leslie B. C. Trotter, M.A., B.C., **THE EXPECTANT MOTHER.** By Samuel Wyllis Bandler, M.D. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia. Price, \$1.25. **INFANT MORTALITY.** By Hugh T. Ashby, B.A., M.D., B.B., M.R.C.P. Cambridge University Press, London. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. Price, \$3.25. **PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING.** By Mary S. Gardner, R.N. The Macmillan Company, New York. Price, \$1.75.

Pamphlets received: **Muscle Training in the Treatment of Infantile Paralysis.** By Wilhelmine C. Wright. Ernest Gregory, Boston, Mass. Price, 25 cents. **Rake Knitting and its Special Adaptation to Invalid Workers.** By Susan E. Tracy, R.N. Whitcomb and Barrows, Boston. Price, 25 cents. **Teacher's Guide for Blumgarten's Materia Medica for Nurses.** By A. S. Blumgarten, M.D. Price, 20 cents. **Manual for Institution Libraries.** Compiled by Carrie E. Scott. American Library Association Publishing Board. Chicago. Price, 25 cents.